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## WANTED: — AN

### AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION

With the large and ever increasing automobile traffic that there is on Kauai, the time has come when we should have an automobile association, the object of which should be to protect the interests and safety of the traveling public.

The charge is made that there is more reckless and careless driving, and more accidents on Kauai than any other island of the Territory. Unless there is some more conclusive evidence adduced we don't propose to accept this statement;—but it is doubtless true that there is far too much of that sort of thing.

The efficient way for an American community to secure redress for a growing evil is to take a hand in the control of it. With a strong automobile association, composed of responsible and influential citizens who would tone up public sentiment, strengthen the hands of the law, report delinquencies, and bring offenders to justice, we would soon have a better condition of things.

We have in our midst, as most other places doubtless have, an irresponsible class that will do whatever you will let them, but will also be quite amenable when they find that they must be.

We would recommend this matter to the attention of the Chamber of Commerce, with the suggestion that they promote such an association.

### CUT OUT FOX FILMS

We have been patiently waiting for the promised reform of the movies;—and it doesn't come.

When the Planters Welfare Bureau took over the moving picture business on their various plantations throughout the Islands, we were given to expect a very great improvement in the quality of the service. There has been some improvement to be sure, but it falls far short of our hopes. The public taste and public patience are no longer outraged by the impossible serial, and mostly the films are less objectionable from the sex immorality point of view, but they still leave very much to be desired. The most serious criticism still remaining against them is their utter falsity to life, in many cases. When will the movie producers learn that the absurd brutalities and extravagances of the wild and woolly west, if they were ever true to life, are now, at any rate, utterly impossible. If they were merely absurd it wouldn't be so bad;—they are positively vicious in that they fill the minds of ignorant aliens with the idea that this sort of thing is American, and is therefore the proper sort of thing to do.

These objectionable films are generally Fox products, and Fox films are so generally objectionable that it would be wise to cut them out on general principles, and adopt the hard and fast rule, "No Fox films on this stage."

### CONSUME MORE SUGAR

Facts about Sugar advocates an increased use of sugar on the part of all intelligent people on the ground that it is now the cheapest food product on the market. They base this assurance on the report of a recognized authority on food values. Sugar has dropped in price out of all proportion to other staples, so that it is now a wise economy to use sugar instead of other higher priced foods.

It recommends a campaign of educational advertising throughout the United States, and estimates that the increase of the per capita consumption by the small amount of one spoonful a day would mean an increase of 400,000 tons a year.

We heartily concur in this suggestion and hereby boost the educational advertising campaign, and we will personally endeavor to eat our extra spoonful of sugar in some form, say in chocolate creams or nut sundaes. If we fail we know some youngsters who will help us out.

### ALLIES CAN PAY DEBTS

It has been proposed that the Allies pay their debts to the United States by surrendering territory. England and France can pay their debts by ceding to Uncle Sam their possessions in the West Indies or in other parts of the world; but the West Indian possessions of these countries are near to our coast and are worth more to us than to them.

England might turn Canada over to us. That country lies to the north of the boundary line, and should have been a part of the United States from the foundation of our government. The interests of the people are common with ours. They understand us and we understand them better than the people of any other section of the world. We have lived beside

them in peace and harmony for many years, and in fact western Canada is peopled largely by emigrants from the States, who have sought the rich lands of that section and have made them what they are, the home of a hardy people, purely American. Not only have Americans been instrumental in the settlement of the Canadian North-west, but they have taken with them on leaving America millions of dollars of American money that was made upon American farms throughout the Middle-west. These people are Americans in spirit, although subjects of Great Britain, and to return them to the dominion of the United States would be no hardship for them.

We advanced money to both France and England to enable them to fight Germany and also to stabilize their financial structure, which had been strained beyond the danger point, and by so doing saved their national life.

France and England do not need their possessions on the western side of the Atlantic, whether island or continental, and we do. We need an all-American America.

Other nations might become jealous if such a deal was made, but all Europe had better be jealous than eternally impoverished.

### WAR CLOUDS AGAIN

According to reports reaching this country from abroad there is every indication that the world is due for considerable more trouble before the demands made by the Allies upon Germany are settled for good and for all. Not that France and England and Italy are having trouble in getting Germany to come up to the scratch and take her medicine, but from the fact that a considerable strain exists in the heretofore friendly relations between England and France. And nothing is more pleasing to Germany than to see this condition existing.

For a nation that isn't supposed to be on an equal footing at the peace table with the others, the United States is having a good deal to say, and promises to have a good deal more. And it is this which leads the average reader to believe that things over the sea are a little bit more serious than we have been inclined to believe. Right at this moment European nations are more widely divided in their national affairs than they were before the war. They are less trustful of each other than ever before. An open break between two or more of them would not be a surprise to those Americans who make a careful study of world conditions and who watch every move that is being made on the checker-board of world affairs.

We have faith that Uncle Sam will not only steer clear of any serious trouble abroad, but that he will do much to help nations over there settle their differences. But even this faith cannot cover up the fact that an open break may come somewhere along the line at any moment, and that we may become involved, just as we did before, in trouble that we didn't help to make.

### WHAT MAKES PROSPERITY

Prosperity makes good business, and good business means active buying. Buying moves in a circle. It must begin with you—and in the end it comes back to you.

There are four factors in the circle of buying—the manufacturer, the jobber, the retailer, and you, the buyer. Together these factors constitute the public. The manufacturer, jobber or retailer is in a separate class from you only so far as his business is concerned. In every other relation of life he is one small individual in the great mass we call the public, and he is affected by the same living conditions that affect you. Outside his own business he, too, is a buyer, so he joins with you, therefore, in starting the buying impulse that sweeps around the circle. He buys, like you, the comforts and necessities of life, and he wants reasonable prices the same as you do.

Prices were high—but they're lower now, and as low right on Kauai as you'll find them anywhere else. But if they are to be brought still lower you will have to BUY. That creates a demand for production, and production is bound to mean more men at work, more men with money to buy, and more prosperity.

Not all of our local merchants are using this paper to unload their shelves. But you can depend upon it that the ones who are are the ones who are anxious to join hands with you in bringing about prosperity and keeping the community prosperous. We urge you to buy what you need now—the time when we buy if we keep prices dropping—and in doing so we urge you to buy from those who advertise in your home paper—the merchants who appreciate your trade enough to ask for it.

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